

February 6, 2020

Re: HB 4005, Oregon

Honorable Members of the House,

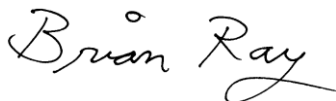
HB 4005 is barking up the wrong tree in so many ways. It is, essentially, a gun control bill that, on the face, and deep down, violates the Second Amendment that is simply a recognition of the freedom of men and women to defend themselves against criminals and bad governments and to enjoy shooting and hunting.

HB 4005 treats regular citizens like me as if we were criminals, stupid, irresponsible, and children. The United States (with eventually Oregon) has a 220-year history of freedom and treating citizens as responsible adults. We have in our Constitution the Second Amendment and do not need nannies in our state governments trying to tell us how to use firearms. Solutions to accidental deaths should include education and inspiration, not government increased government controls over our individual lives and micromanaging our behaviors – this is anti-choice and anti-freedom.

Further, where is the empirical evidence that this bill would solve a verified problem with statistically significant reductions in harm to anyone? I think it does not exist. Bad policy comes from bad or shaky evidence.

Please vote and speak out to Stop HB 4005 now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Ray". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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